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SUBJECT: EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN

REF: STATE 158629

1. FOLLOWING IS LETTER RECEIVED FROM STAFFAN BURENSTAM LINDER, MINISTER OF COMMERCE, REGARDING EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN.

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2. BEGIN QUOTE: I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE US REQUEST TO SWEDEN IN THE MTN LAST NOVEMBER CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE 50 PERCENT VALUE RULE. THE ISSUE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BETWEEN US AND SWEDISH (NORDIC) NEGOTIATORS IN GENEVA, WHERE OUR VIEWS IN THE MATTER HAVE BEEN EXPOSED. AS YOU KNOW SWEDEN HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN A LIBERALIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. RULES OF ORIGIN ARE, AS I SEE IT, ONE OF SEVERAL ELEMENTS IN THE MTN AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AND DEALT WITH IN THAT CONTEXT. I HAVE INFORMED OUR CHIEF NEGOTIATOR IN GENEVA THAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT THIS MATTER TO MY ATTENTION AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO KEEP ME IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THIS ISSUE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

MAY I ADD, MR. AMBASSADOR, THAT SWEDEN, AS YOU OF COURSE REALIZE, IS NOT IN A POSITION TO CHANGE THE RULES OF ORIGIN ON A UNILATERAL BASIS. END QUOTE.

3. EMBASSY ALSO RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING ORAL COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT FROM AN MFA OFFICIAL. SWEDEN LIKE OTHER MEMBERS OF EFTA IS, OF COURSE, COMMITTED BY ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMON MARKET, AND ANY CHANGE OR NEW SOLUTION MUST BE SOUGHT IN COMMON. THE OFFICIAL THOUGHT THAT THE RULES OF ORIGIN HAVE INDEED, IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

CASE OF MANY PRODUCTS, BEEN TENDING IN THE DIRECTION WHICH THE US DESIRES. TEXTILES IS AN EXCEPTION AND IS LIKELY TO REMAIN SO. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR SWEDEN TODAY TO APPLY A 50 PERCENT VALUE CRITERION ON TEXTILES. LASTLY, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TEXTILES SWEDEN DOES TEND TO WISH TO SEE A 50 PERCENT VALUE CRITERION INTRODUCED.
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